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Re: Applications for NPDES Permits for Little Goose Lock and Dam, Lower Granite Lock and Dam, Lower Monumental Lock and Dam, Ice Harbor Lock and Dam, and McNary Lock and Dam

Dear Mr. Kirk:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 10 (EPA) is in receipt of your letter dated April 18, 2016 requesting a status report on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) NPDES permit applications for the above-listed projects.

The EPA received NPDES permit applications for the above projects and reviewed them for completeness under 40 C.F.R. § 122.21(e)(1). Letters confirming the EPA's completeness determinations were sent to the Corps for each project. The following table provides the dates when the application was received and the dates the completeness determination letters were sent.

Facility Name	Application Receipt Date	Completeness Letter Date
US Army Corps of Engineers, Little Goose Lock and Dam	April 17, 2015	August 18, 2015
US Army Corps of Engineers, Lower Granite Lock and Dam	April 17, 2015	August 18, 2015
US Army Corps of Engineers, Lower Monumental Lock and Dam	April 17, 2015	August 18, 2015
US Army Corps of Engineers, Ice Harbor Lock and Dam	April 17, 2015	August 18, 2015
US Army Corps of Engineers, McNary Lock and Dam	August 5, 2015	August 18, 2015

Additionally, EPA staff conducted a site visit to Ice Harbor Lock and Dam and Lower Monumental Lock and Dam on June 16 and 17, 2015.

The applications have been added to the Region's NPDES Permit workplan and will be assigned for permit development when the schedule allows.

If you have questions, you may contact me or Dru Keenan of my staff. She may be reached at keenan.dru@epa.gov or (206) 553-1219.

Sincerely,

Michael Lidgard, Manager
NPDES Permits Unit

cc: Don Redman, ACE Walla Walla District (email)